

January 4, 2001

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Dear Brian,

Enclosed is a copy of the Joint Petition for the Interconnection Agreement between Aquis Communications and Ameritech Illinois for signature. Our Commission also requires Verification from both parties, signed and notarized. Please prepare and include your Verification. A sample of our Verification is included in package.

Please return signed Joint Petition and your Notarized Verification to me next day mail. My address is:

Mary C. Velez
% Ameritech
225 W. Randolph St. HQ27C
Chicago, IL 60606

Any question, please feel free to call me on 312 551-9150.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

January 23, 2001

Ms. Donna Caton, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Caton,

Enclosed please find for filing with the Commission the Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Aquis Communications and Ameritech Illinois.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

AQUIS COMMUNICATIONS AND)	
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
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Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated)	
Interconnection Agreement dated November 29, 2000)	
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)	

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN AQUIS COMMUNICATIONS AND AMERITECH ILLINOIS**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and Aquis Communications (“Aquis”), through their respective counsel and pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 47 USC, (the “Act”), hereby request that the Commission review and approve on an expedited basis the attached Negotiated Interconnection Agreement dated November 29, 2000 (“Agreement”), which has been adopted by Aquis pursuant to Section 252 (i) of the Act. Expedited approval is requested so that Aquis and Ameritech Illinois may proceed to operate promptly under the terms of the Agreement. In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Agreement is a result of Aquis’ adoption of the terms of the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and Pagenet Inc., pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act. The Commission has already reviewed and approved that agreement.

2. As set forth in the attached verification of David Adams, Ameritech Illinois will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

3. In support, Aquis and Ameritech Illinois provide the attached verification of David Adams.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

5. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois and Aquis' public offices.

WHEREFORE, Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Agreement in accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act as soon as possible.

Dated this day of January 2001

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, David Adams, am Negotiator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and submit this Statement in support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Aquis Communications and Ameritech Illinois.

The attached interconnection agreement (the "Agreement") between Aquis Communications ("Aquis") and Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech Illinois") represents Ameritech Illinois' compliance with Aquis' statutory rights under Section 252(i) of the Act. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois and Aquis request approval pursuant to Section 252(a)(i) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the "Act").

In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, Aquis adopted in its entirety the terms of the Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and Pagenet, Inc., dated March 11, 1999. The agreement shall expire November 29, 2001. The Agreement has a one (1) year initial term unless a Party delivers to the other Party written notice of termination of the Agreement at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or a renewal term and establishes the financial and operational terms for: the transport and termination of local traffic between Ameritech Illinois and Aquis' networks based on mutual and reciprocal compensation.

Under Sections 252(e)(1) and (2) of the Act, the Commission may reject the Agreement only if the Agreement or a portion thereof “discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement” or if “implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, inconvenience, and necessity.”

Neither the Agreement, nor any portion thereof, discriminates against a carrier not a party to the Agreement. Other commercial mobile radio service (“CMRS”) providers can also negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. Further, neither the Agreement, nor any portion thereof, is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. It establishes an appropriate reciprocal compensation arrangement between Ameritech Illinois and Aquis for the completion of local traffic in Illinois.

The agreement meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.